

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of  | Atty. Docket |
| HENDRIK G. A. HUIZING, ET. AL.  | NL010559A    |
| Serial No.:   | Art Unit:    |
| Filed: CONCURRENTLY   | Examiner:    |
| Title: BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF<br>MANUFACTURING SAME |              |
| Commissioner for Patents<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450                               |              |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9 - 17 without prejudice:

REMARKS

The present amendment cancel claims 9-17 from the original  
application, Accordingly, claims 1-8 are hereby presented for an  
examination on the merits.

Affirmable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.